

Minutes of February 3, 2016 Meeting

Members in attendance:

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| Paul Anello | Dawnel Kraus | Lisa Tognola |
| Rob Barnett | Dan Marino | Cheryl Vivona |
| Rich Connors | Amy Mason | Dave Vivona |
| Jennifer Cosgrove | Cathy McAuliffe | April Windgate |
| Carol Delsandro | Tracy Ness | |
| Chris Delsandro | Darryl Petrullo | |
| Dawn Druhot | Mark Steward | |
| Tracy Hickey | Celeste Stinson | |
| Bill Karpowic | Nancy Styple | |
| | Tracey Tango | |
| | Jennifer Terry | |

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Copies of previous month's meeting minutes were distributed and members were asked to sign in.

Secretary's report: Dawn Avallone was absent so Barney filed report. He read thank you note from Coach Ervin for the efforts of the boosters for the Cougar Classic. Tracy Ness filled in as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Mark provided a wrap up of the Cougar Classic and reported that a check for \$8,600 was provided to the JTB Foundation. He also received all 1099 tax forms. Mark provided a check in the amount of \$750, as voted by the boosters, for the Paddle Club start up. He is still processing checks for the Cancer Stinks! basketball benefit and that the concession money from the event will go to the Boosters. \$1,000 in donations have come in from Community Pass. Spring fundraising solicitations will go through the team liaisons speaking at the upcoming Spring sports meetings and we may give constant contact a try (will follow up with Dawn.) Mark also received a request from Nancy Styple to provide an overview of fundraising year over year at the next meeting.

Head Liaison Report: Celeste asked for someone to come forward to fill her role for next year. She also stated that the state basketball games were coming up and that teams should be assigned a night to cover basketball just as is done with football in the fall. Cathy McAuliffe stated that it is difficult for basketball to provide volunteers as the teams are not picked until later in the fall and some volunteered whose son/daughter did not make the team. She added that basketball staffs most of the concessions themselves along with the Cougar Classic and now the Cancer Stinks! fundraiser and that it is very difficult with a small roster. Cheryl Vivona said that she would look into this for next year's concession requests. Tracy Ness noted that this has been an extraordinary year for Chatham sports with many more home games than normal and that staffing concessions has been difficult as many of the same people volunteer multiple times.

Athletic Director Report: Bill stated that winter sports were up and running. He lauded girl's swimming for the 100th straight win and 7th Morris County title calling it an "unbelievable level of achievement" and he encouraged everyone to attend one of the swim meets. He mentioned that he was pleased to see so many teams giving back in the way of charity tournaments and hopes that continues.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Board Approved Purchases: None this month.

Coaches Requests: The following new requests were presented for discussion to the membership:

1. Video taping of boys/girls lax (up to \$2,000 for each team.) There was also continued discussion about using KrossOver software to help coaches break down film. Bill had looked into package pricing and provided the following: 15 lax games \$700 for two teams; 20 games \$900; 25 games \$1,000. Discussion ensued concerning the source of funding for the software service, whether it should be funded by the boosters or as part of the athletic team/coaches budget. Bill suggested that the stipend could be used to defray the costs. Jen Terry noted that teams should not be allowed to fundraise for something like this because it goes against Booster guidelines. Bill said he would go back to the coaches and determine their needs/wants and the numbers of games to be filmed.

2. Coaching clinics - Tennis \$90, Football - Glazier \$400, Softball \$125, Girls lax \$160 (up to \$775 in total). There were no issues raised for this request and vote will be taken at next meeting.

3. Girl's Golf - Two portable indoor Birdieball putting greens for use in gym (up to \$1,376.96)

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4. Coaching Volunteers for Spring Season - Approximately 10 coaches benefiting 7 programs (up to \$20,000) Nancy Style asked Bill to list coaches per team and what they received. Bill replied he could not report a person's salary but could say how many coaches per team and a gross amount given. She said she was looking for parity amongst the teams.

5. Wrestling Volunteer Coach (up to \$750) - This coach was not included in original request. Bill stated this person provided a great deal of help to the team and asked to provide the stipend retroactively.

Old Business/previous funding requests:

1. By Laws rewrite/update - Paul Anello stated that he will have a draft to circulate in early January for board members to review and comment.

2. Open Board Positions/Liaisons - Barney stated that we have had people come forward for VP, Treasurer and Secretary positions but others may still apply by sending their requests to either Barney or Tracy. Head Liaison position is a very important position and is still open. All positions require a two -year commitment.

3. Constant Contact - Dawn had noted previously that, with the help of Jill Weber, the boosters were given access to the school email addresses by Dr. LaSusa and she was working to download into constant contact software.

New Business:

1. 2016 Spring Fundraiser- Tracy Ness said she had reached out to Stryxe and to Noe Pond to determine available dates and pricing. Members agreed that Memorial Day weekend was not a good date but agreed that it was a fun event, profitable and easy to execute. Stryxe had not yet opened but would be by end of February and would get back with pricing. Tracy Tango reported that Twin Elephants brew company was a no go. Re: sponsorship - We can also reuse the signs Paul Anello made last year for sponsors who re-up. Committee was formed including Paul Anello, April Wingate, Jen Terry, Bill Karpowic, Carole Delsandro. Sue Barry and Nancy Style offered to help as well.

2. Cougar Portable Field Lights - The BOE has asked if the boosters would be able to move forward with funding lights on Cougar/Haas field based on a new parameter of using portable lights. Barney explained that Booster Board members had met with BOE members, Bill Librera, Dr. LaSusa etc., for a discussion on how these lights would be used, costs,

desirability from the coaches and a plan to bring before the membership. He said that we should fully disclose that these portable electric lights would be used primarily to extend practices, used for cougar night and were not necessarily the quality for night in season games as the light poles are too low. Jen Cosgrove stated that every donor needed to be contacted with the change in scope (from permanent to portable lights) and gain approval to use the money for this purpose or another. Mark stated that the funds were under control of the Boosters to use for the lights. We currently pay approx. \$6,000 per year for portable lights. The new proposal would be for 16 lights and a cost of \$5-\$6,000 TBD. Bill said he was researching the final costs, types of lights and felt that the purchase needed to be done in conjunction with the referendum. Tracy Ness agreed stating that electrical work needed to be done to support the proposed changes to sound system, press box, and snack shack and that the electrical done for the lighting needed to be a part of that package. Rich Connors said that boosters would not be responsible for electrical costs. There was discussion from several members about how the lights would work, what teams would be able to use them and the feasibility of moving the lights between Cougar and Haas fields. Barney and Tracy stated that further discussions needed to be had with the board and Jen stated she would reach out to get the names of previous donors. Discussion will continue at next meeting.

3. New Request for Girls LAX warming capes -- Cost of \$2,000 for 25 capes that can be reused each season. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 1 at 7 pm.